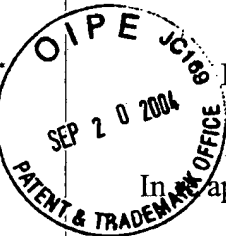
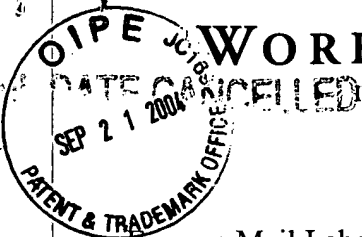


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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §
 1.114 for the above-identified application.

A. Instructions and Averments

Enter the Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116, previously filed on



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☒ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

B. Enclosed

☒ A Response to Final Office Action for entry in the present application.

☒ To render this RCE timely filed, enclosed is a Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time.

☒ A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date for the enclosed application by use of Express Mail Label No. EV382937806US.

☐ A Request for Nonpublication of Application.

☒ Revocation and Substitute Power of Attorney with copy of Assignment.

C. Payments

☒ Form PTO-2038 submitting payment in the amount of \$860.00 is enclosed to cover the following fees:

☒ the \$385.00 RCE filing fee pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(e); and

☒ the \$475.00 petition fee for the three-month extension of time.

☐ Please debit Deposit Account No. 23-3178 in the amount of \$_____ for the government filing fee.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.

☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17.

☐ The issue fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.311(b).

☒ A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 20th day of September 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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